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from the Labrador plateau, not far from the Gulf edge, down to the low coastal plain. It is said to surpass the available water-power at Niagara and will some day be utilized.

Dr. Townsend is not only a physician but also an ornithologist and he has a firm grasp on other subjects of natural history. His avocational attainments have enabled him to write a delightful book on the most conspicuous phases of the fauna and flora of this Labrador coast; and human studies also, both Indian and white, came in for a full share of his observations. The production of pulpwood is now the leading industry, and it is gratifying to hear that the land is not entirely despoiled of its timber, but that forestry methods are employed and the continued growth of the forest seems to be assured. One of the most edifying chapters is that given to the Indians known as the Montagnais or Mountaineers, who live to the south of the Hamilton river while the Nascaupees dwell to the north of it. The Montagnais are nomads who trap for furs, far and wide, during the winter, and come down to the coast, in summer, to sell their products and reburnish their veneer of Christianity, for they are fond of religious feast days and of the ceremonials of the Roman Catholic Church.

It is surprising that so good a book, largely geographical, should be without a map. There is sufficient material for one and a good sketch map of this region, appeared in "La Houille Blanche" by E. Rouillard (*Bull. Soc. Geog., Quebec*, Jan., 1909).

Die Haupttypen des Sprachbaus. Von Dr. Franz Nikolaus Finck, v. and 156 pp. B. G. Teubner, Leipzig, 1910. M. 1.25.

The author, who is a professor in the University of Berlin, takes many characteristic texts from eight chief language types and, by comparison and discussion, gives an insight into the laws governing the formation of human speech. The languages with which he illustrates his subject are the Chinese, Greenlandic (Eskimo), Ssubja (on the upper Zambezi in South Africa), Turkish, Samoan, Arabic, Greek, and Georgian.

Die Sprachstämme des Erdkreises. Von Dr. Franz Nikolaus Finck. viii and 143 pp., and index. B. G. Teubner, Leipzig, 1910. M. 1.25.

Dr. Finck bases, upon the modern results of the study of languages, the comprehensive view which he sets forth in this book of the language groups of the earth, their ramification into single tongues, and the reciprocal coherence of these tongues.

Mensch und Erde. Von A. Kirchhoff. Dritte Auflage. 100 pp. B. G. Teubner, Leipzig, 1910. M. 1.25.

A reprint of this classical little work by the late Prof. Dr. Kirchhoff in which he treats, with consummate skill, of the inter-relations between man and his physical environment. Many notes have been added to the present edition, at the end of the book, giving further facts or comments relating to the text.

Die Grundzüge der Praktische Hydrographie. Von Richard Brauer. Bibliothek der gesamten Technik, 53 Band. 233 pp., 24 tables, 38 illustrations in the text and index. Dr. Max Jänecke, Verlagsbuchhandlung, Hanover, 1907. M. 3.40.

A concise and valuable work on hydrographic phenomena and on the methods, instruments and mathematical formulæ employed in hydrographical research and engineering.